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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER REPORTS ON MEMBERSHIP

How Are We Doing?

RALPH TURGEON
National Commander

When the figures you are about to read, were shown at the National Executive Committee in New York City, this writer received many requests to publish these reports in this magazine. With that thought in mind, it should be noted that the object in compiling these comparative reports is to enlighten every member of our Association.

On the tremendous possibilities within the grasp of every Department and Chapter in reaching the goal of 7,500 paid up members for 1949. The basic figures for these comparative reports were obtained from the files at our National Headquarters. As of February 1, 1949 there are (63) Chapters in our Association with 4,698 paid-up members.

Broken down by Departments and Chapters the figures are: Department of Massachusetts, (18) Chapters, 2,061 members; Department of Connecticut, (17) Chapters, 860 members; Department of New Hampshire, (7) Chapters, 178 members; Department of Rhode Island, (3) Chapters, 428 members; Department of Vermont, (2) Chapters, 40 members; Department of Maine, (3) Chapters, 75 members; Department of the East (4) Chapters, 276 members; Department of the Mid-west, (7) Chapters, 193 members; Department of the Far West, (2) Chapters, 32 members and Members-at-Large, 555 members.

It was generally agreed in New York that the Department of Massachusetts could have (11) more Chapters added to the present (18). None of these new Chapters would in any way affect the larger Chapters such as Boston, Worcester, Lynn, Springfield and Fitchburg. To date, eight months since the last Convention, no new Chapters have been formed in this particular Department.

The prospective towns and cities in which new Chapters could be formed are: Athol, Attleboro, Brockton, Fall River, Framingham, Gloucester (will

be formed Sunday, March 6), Greenfield, North Adams, Pittsfield, Plymouth and Quincy. For lack of time, no discussions were held on how many new Chapters could be added in all other Departments however, it is clear that there are at least (30) Chapters which could be started, (25) of these in New England alone.

HOW CAN THIS BE ACCOMPLISHED?

It is within the province of every Department to select or appoint as many Vice Commanders as is deemed necessary for a complete coverage of any Department (see Article XII, Section 2 National Constitution). With the exception of the Department of Rhode Island, all other Departments should have several additional Vice Commanders whose particular jobs would be to scour their respective assigned districts, negotiate and form new Chapters then—see to it that they are kept alive during any given current year.

It is my belief that there are many former Department Officers who would be glad to take on such assignments. Then too, these so-called organizers or pioneers, call them what you will, would have no need to do any long distance travelling, especially, if they were difinitely assigned to a particular district. This year, only ONE CHAPTER has been FORMED . . . CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

EXPENSES with the exception of expenses incurred in promoting fund raising projects, this year, all expenses have been kept under strict control by the National Executive Committee.

A substantial SAVING of about $3,500. per year has recently been effected by changing the printers of Yankee Doings.

MEMBERSHIP Our organization definitely must have 7,500 paid-up members to operate successfully, at the present rate of $2.00 per year per member. If the present paid-up membership of about 5,000 were to hold, then the dues would, of necessity, have to be raised from $2.00 to $3.00 per year per member. And, by so doing, no special "fund raising" campaigns would be necessary.

WHAT IS THE ANSWER? For the time being and until such time as our membership warrants, we should give serious consideration to the raising of the dues from $2.00 to $2.50 per member.

— Ralph A. Turgeon,
National Commander Y.D.V.A

NATIONAL CONVENTION NEWS

By Warren Carberg

As we go to press this month, there is a warmth to the sun that stirs old half-forgotten memories. Along Newspaper Row during the lunch hour, the editors and reporters chat and loiter and talk about Spring, and how much Ted Williams may hit this year.

Upon the Common, the old vets watch the same slant sunlight glitter on the gilt dome of the State House, and in the YD Club, Guy Watts plays hooky for a few minutes from the mountain of paper work that gathers on his desk.

Which reminds us, that in a few weeks now, the men on the convention committee will be running around in circles. Whenever someone refers to these first warm days, which always appear well in advance of Spring, I always think back to those early days of March 1918 when the outfit was strung along the Anizy-Pinon canal.

The snow was deep in the listening posts. The Germans were on the other side. You could hear them digging their gun emplacements for the big push that started a few weeks later. They did not believe in Indian tactics. Once in a while one or two of them would come to the banks of the canal to wash their clothes, and their loud gutterals could be heard a mile away.

Then someone would heave a grenade in their general direction to make them pipe down.

Remember those early morning patrols through that same snow. It was cold work because they made you take off your overcoat. You had to do this to get under the barbed wire.

Then the night we got relieved, they marched us to a place called Vregny, it was just over the brow of a hill in a little valley. That was the day that Spring came. The sun had a bite to it just like today and we spent the morning boiling our shirts and cleaning our shoes and rifles. Nothing

like a bit of sun, to loosen up the imagination and make a fellow remember things.

It certainly gives the national convention in Boston June 23-26 a touch of reality. There is a deep-rooted conviction in the air this year, that the boys from near and far are going to be in town. This is one convention no one can afford to miss.

Boston is a great convention town anyway, I have attended them all over the country at the big affairs of the Legion and the VFW, but have never seen anything to equal Boston's hospitality, or her scenic and historic points of interest. Furthermore, it is the heart and soul of the YD. Boston marks the spot where it began and where it finished. The citizens of this city, always open up their hearts to its members in a particularly warm-hearted way. They bought the clubhouse for us and somehow or other, in bad times and in good we have clung to it.

Now the good times are coming again. The club has come of age and its declining years are going to be mellow and rich with the memory of work well done. When we old guys are tottering around on our goldheaded canes and drooling tobacco juice down our chins, we will always have a YD club to loiter in and this is no idle dream.

The youngsters of the World War II are really taking hold and making things hum. When the load gets too heavy for some of us, the young fellows will be right there to shoulder the burden. From all indications, the YD parade this June should make history.

Of course, all of us remember the homecoming parade on that chilly April Day in 1919. A shot of rye didn't do the marchers any harm that day, it was that cold.

Well, the YD boys never did get a real homecoming parade after this recent fracas, so we're going to give them one in June that will be on a par with the other one, both in numbers and in color.

Given a touch of good weather, our Commander Tony Rock (who is working his head off as usual) estimates, that more than a millon will be there to watch and cheer them on. We are going to get a flock of warships in port and big contingents of the Army, Navy and Marines to march in the Big Parade with the YD boys of the BIG WAR in 1918 and the little one just ended.

Confidentially, we hope that the papers will carry nothing else the week of the convention, but YD news and pictures and again I repeat,

"FALL IN FOR BOSTON IN JUNE."

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

130 East End Ave.,
New York, 28, N. Y.,
February 15, 1949.

We record with regret the death of comrade Benjamin J. Janecki, 104th Infantry, WW I, of 125 Clark Ave., Jersey City, 4, N. J., from an acute gastric condition, on January 27th.

John Laughlin, WW I and Earl Kent, WW I are back in the hospital, the latter having Isidor Kozin, WW I, for company. The health of the YD men in the New York area has been excellent, otherwise.

With the help of Congressman John W. McCormack, we pushed our bill a little further in Washington during February, by making a personal call on the Budget Bureau. We hope to report favorably on it in June.

— Joseph K. Surls,
National Service Officer.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

Boston Convention Committee members meet to plan for YD National Convention in June: Front row (left to right) Edward J. McCormack, Anthony J. Rock, Mrs. John Rea, H. Guy Watts, George McDonald. (Rear), John R. Kennedy, Martin Sullivan, Jere Doherty, Timothy Doherty, Warren Carberg, Frank Brennan, David Krinsky and Leslie Perry.

NOTICE: Any member receiving one of the cards with the YD Stamp attached who had already paid will accept our apology for the mistake as some passed in the mails.

HENRY BARRY former Major with the 101st Inf. WW II and now Lt. Colonel with Division Hdqrs. has just been awarded the CLOUD BANNER Medal from the Chinese Government. He was appointed Head of the attendance department of the Boston Public Schools in December, 1948.

IRVING DOANE of Houlton, Maine, who served with the 103rd Inf. in WW I and was in WW II and on Bataan when it was captured is now on Recruiting Duty at Omaha, Neb.

National Executive Committee Meeting

The meeting was opened by N. C. Turgeon without the readings of the last meeting, on account of the delay in arriving of the National Secretary. There were 24 present.

A bill of $179.82 for travelling expenses for the Nat'l Commander was presented. A MOTION was made SECONDED and PASSED that the bill be paid.

The National Commander spoke on the Memorial Tablet: expressed hope that the tablet would be ready to install at Camp Edwards at the time the 6th Division were in training there this summer.

Report of the Membership Committee by Chairman Farquhar was made. He reported gains in the state of Connecticut. Also suggested that a formal statement be sent to members of each Chapter by the Chapters in regards to paying up of dues.

The National Commander spoke on membership and expressed his complete and emphatic desire to raise National dues.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that a notice be put in Doings to the effect that anyone receiving one of the second notices on the stamps not to feel offended and that we are sorry for the mistake.

National Secretary and Past Commander Jones arrived after a delay of changing a tire on the way down. The minutes of the previous meeting was read and they were accepted and placed on file.

National Secretary read the Treasurers report in the absence of the National Treasurer Eaves who was unable to be present.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Past Dept. and Past Chapter and Commander buttons used by the NY Chapter and made by Fred A. Brown of that Chapter be accepted as the official Past Commanders buttons in the future.

An Amendment of the By-laws, proposed by the Hartford Chapter was read by the Nat'l Secretary: It was to the effect that any Chapter wishing the National Convention would have to sign a contract to pay the National Association at least $500.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Nat'l Executive Committee would go on record of being in favor of the proposed Amendment.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to accept the application of the newly formed Gloucester, Mass., Chapter.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that a miniature YD flag and an American Flag be purchased to be used at the opening of meetings, also included in the motion that an official bible be purchased.

A suggestion was made by the Nat'l Secretary that a statement be sent out monthly, starting May 1st to all members not paid up and continued each month for at least six months. The statements to those who belong to Chapters to be sent to the Chapters so they can be mailed after local dues are inserted.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Nat'l Secretary be empowered to purchase statements and envelopes for this purpose.

National Commander gave a report of the standing of each Chapter, showing gains and losses in percentages. Only one new Chapter has been formed, that of Concord, N. H. New Hampshire showed a 15.5 gain in membership.

Report on the Convention by Commander Rock of the convention Committee. Committee working hard on it.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

— Michael Dell Isola,
Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon, 50 Main St., Hatfield, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John Meffen, 100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The Department held its February meeting with the Beverly Chapter in the American Legion Home, Beverly on February 6th. In the home is a very remarkable and beautiful collection of various unit insignias. They adorn a large section of the wall in one of the rooms.

Once again, we had the pleasure of having National Commander Turgeon with us.

Ten chapters were represented. Where, oh where,

were the others? While it will all be over, before this reaches print, the nominating of officers, showed only one contest, that being for Junior Vice Commander. The two were Crokan and Hogan both of Springfield.

It was reported that there will undoubtedly be some new Chapters in the very near future, Gloucester and Athol.

It would be a big help, if, after the installation of new officers the Chapter secretary would give the names and addresses of the New Commander and Secretary as it would help in keeping his mailing list up to date.

— Clyde H. Norton,
Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Katherine Crokan
2 Pine Street, E. Longmeadow, Mass.
Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

The February meeting of the Yankee Division Veteran's Association Auxiliary Department of Massachusetts, was held in Beverly on Sunday, February 6th. We had one of the largest attendance we have had since the Department was organized, and every Auxiliary in the State was represented.

The new Auxiliary in Holyoke will be officially installed on March 19th, and we sure hope every Auxiliary will be represented at this affair.

Don't forget ladies, the next meeting will be nominations and elections of Department officers — get out in a body and support your candidate. We have made a good start, so let's keep this organization going — make it STRONGER and STRONGER.

— Mrs. Katherine Crokan, *President,*
— Ann Valentine, *Secretary.*

BOSTON AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Helen T. Rea
332 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, Mass.
Secretary: Mrs. F. Genevieve Murphy

Mrs. Helen T. Rea of 332 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, Mass., was installed as President of the YDVA Auxiliary, at impressive ceremonies at YD headquarters, Wednesday evening January 26th. State Department President, Mrs. Katherine Crokan from Springfield, Mass., assisted by Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Mrs. Florence Fletcher, installed the new officers. Other officers installed included:

Senior Vice: Miss Mary Fenno
Junior Vice: Mrs. Irene Melville
Secretary: Mrs. F. Genevieve Murphy
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Ruth Fenno
Treasurer: Mrs. Nonie J. Nugent
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Annie Travis
Chaplain: Mrs. Helen Kellen
Sergeant-at-Arms: Mrs. Marie MacDonald.

In a separate ceremony the new president was installed as service and liaison officer. Mrs. Rea is a past president of the V.F.W. Auxiliary and a past commander of the Charlestown D.A.V. Auxiliary, and active in other fraternal and social organizations. Invited guests included State and City dignitaries, and representatives of all Veterans organizations and their auxiliaries. The retiring president Mrs. Mae Cadigan, was presented with the past president's pin.

The first regular business meeting of the new year, was held Wednesday night February 9th. President Mrs. Helen Rea presented a month by month program, and plans were formulated for a bazaar to be held March 4th. at Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown, Mass. At this meeting five new members were accepted to join the ranks. After the meeting a surprise Valentine party was held, home-made sandwiches, cake, candy and tonic was served by the hostess of the evening, Mrs. F. Genevieve Murphy, and each member was presented with an old fashioned corsage made with candy by the president, a grand time was held, and a real feeling of Comradeship. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday night March 9th. and the hostess will be the junior vice Mrs. Irene Melville.

— Mrs. Helen Rea, *President,*
— Mrs. F. Genevieve Murphy, *Secretary.*

BOSTON

Commander: Anthony J. Rock
53 State St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The February Smoker was one of the best attended gatherings of the Club this winter: Our Entertainment Chairman John Dennihan had arranged for "A Wee Bit of Scotch" by Grace and Jessie MacDonald in a comedy skit, with music, dancing, and singing. They proved equal to the advance notices and gave a very enjoyable hour of entertainment.

The Club will have its Annual Meeting and Smoker

on Wednesday, March 16th instead of the Third Thursday on account of the holiday. Elections of officers for the coming year, reports of Committees and a detailed financial report will be given on that evening.

The Convention Corporation has been formed and the Committees meet weekly forming plans for the Convention in June. With Tony Rock as General Chairman and Tim Doherty as Vice Chairman we have two of the hardest workers heading the Committees. Warren Carberg is doing a good job as Publicity Chairman. Slivers Connors and Knocko McCormack are working hard with their Committee on Ways and Means planning to get the money for the other Committees to spend. General Vincent Breen is working on the Parade. Colonel John Riley is getting a good badge to wear during the Convention. Lewis Whittemore is looking for rooms at the hotels and has most of them sewed up. Earl Eaves and Dave Krinsky will have the registration blanks in the mail shortly for the advance registration.

DANVERS

Commander: Earle G. Pauley
111 Sylvan St., Danvers, Mass.

Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter, held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pikes Inn, Middleton on Wednesday, February 16th. Thirty-seven showed up, had usual social hour. Chicken supper and movies by our good friend Ray Funchion, teacher at the high school. Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Pikes Inn, Wednesday March 16th. This is the meeting at which we generally have the National Commander down for a visit and an invitation is in the mail now waiting for a reply. Our meeting for April will be the fourth Wednesday instead of the third as that date is always taken regularly by another organization, so don't forget April meeting will be Wednesday, April 27th.

Aussie Gates is confined to the hospital. Aussie is from Battery F 101st Field Artillery, he is coming along fine and expects to be home around the 21st, so get well Aussie for our next meeting. The boys sent him a Round Robin, thirty-seven names on it and also a card called The Epic of the Bed Pan. If any of you boys want to cheer up somebody in the hospital, just send him The Epic of the Bed Pan. If he doesn't split twenty stitches well, there's no hope and now boys don't forget dues. Fifty or more of them are due and payable next meeting, so shell out. — Charles Davis.

HAVERHILL

Commander: John D. Comeau
6 Swazey Street, Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut Street, Groveland, Mass.

Haverhill Chapter has got off to a good start for the year 1949. John D. Comeau, Batt. A. 102nd F. A. becomes the new Chapter Commander.

The Chapter has started a raffle on a Case of JOY, this will be drawn off at a Fish Chowder Party, which is to be held on Tuesday, April 12th. All veterans of the YD of both World Wars I and II who live in the vicinity of Haverhill, are cordially invited to be the guests of the Haverhill Chapter on this evening. There will be an entertainment after the supper.

At this time, the Chapter wishes to say THANKS to their Auxiliary for the Old Fashioned Baked Bean Supper which they served for our installation in January.

This write-up is rather brief, but as the year goes on they should be better.

Come on Comrades, attend a meeting of your Chapter, then join the gang that attends the State Department Meetings.

W. Perry Tarleton.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Brownislaw Amastae
92 Heywood St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Victor Bean
405 Summer St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular meeting of the Fitchburg Chapter was held February 8, in the clubrooms on River Street. There were approximately fifty members present. Commander Amastae did a very good job of conducting the meeting on his first regular assignment as our new Commander for 1949. Commander Brownie's first appointment, was that of comrade Tom Kennedy as chairman of the Refreshment and Entertainment Committee. Fitchburg Chapter now has one-hundred and sixty-eight members, and as it is now getting near time for dues for 1949, Comrade Shea suggested that we put on a drive for new members and also to pick up a few of the old boys, who let their dues slide for a couple of years or so. The S.V.C. Jim Meffin and the J.V.C. Jim Smith have been appointed as co-captains of teams to put on this membership drive, so let's all get behind them and get prospective members into the Chapter. While I'm on the subject, all of you WW II

boys, how about getting after those E Co., H Co., and Headquarters boys that use to be in the 181st with us. There must be at least seventy-five or so we could pick up, if you guys would get the lead out of your pants, and get on the ball and round them up. And for you older fellows, who have let things slide, what's the matter, do you think your too old to venture out once a month to have a good sociable time with your old buddies, or won't your wives let you. Remember boys, they were your buddies when things were tough, what's the matter now. If I don't see any new faces around at the next meeting, in your next issue of Yankee Doings all you will find, is a long list of prospective new members and delinquent old members. That's a promise, I want to see you get them in.

— Victor Bean.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Joseph M. Blanchette
376 Coggeshall Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Dester D. DuBois
106 Arnold St., New Bedford, Mass.

Well fellows, we are coming up with a new set of hard working Officers for 1950 and the Chapter is assured of a successful year, if the officers can rely on you for a little assistance and encouragement. So let's go Yder's, your help is solicited.

The new Officers for 1950 are: Commander, Joseph Blanchette; 1st Vice Commander, Alphonse Fortin; 2nd Vice Commander, Louis Marcoux; Secretary, Dester D. DuBois; Treasurer, Walter W. Johnson; Trustees, Dr. Alfred B. Crowe, Dr. Frederick H. Winship, Jr. and Everett Manchester.

Installation, March 8th. Battery D Quarters, a party is planned and a good time will be had.

Inquiries by the Chapter Secretary, resulted in learning, why the WW II YD History has not been delivered. "Because the Official records have not been completed". Those of you that have been waiting, will soon get your copy.

— Dester D. DuBois.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Luther D. Hackett
13 Shaine Circle, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: John J. Mitchell
9 Rathbun St., Springfield, Mass.

Another month has rolled around, we haven't got too much for the Doings this month.

At the regular meeting held on February 15, the Chapter voted to revert back to the first and third Fridays for our regular meetings.

We are sorry to report the death of Comrade Robert Spengler, Co. K, 104th, WW I, who passed away at Cushing General Hospital on February 14, 1949.

Robert D. Nash, WW II one of our trustees has resigned, due to business reasons, we are sorry to see him go.

We where honored by a visit by National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon and his Sgt.-at-Arms, L. Powers Fulton, on Sunday night, February 13, as they were on their way home from Meriden, Conn.

New members for February include Herbert E. Walker, Co. G. and Hq. Co. 104th WW II and Hq. Co. 328 WW II, and Joseph E. Comeau, Band 104th. WW I.

Don't forget that the dues for the Springfield Chapter are payable as of January 1, of each year.

That will be all for this month. PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

— John J. Mitchell.

WORCESTER

Commander: Henry Contois
17 Knox St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Kenneth E. Erickson
1 Wall St. Ter., Worcester, Mass.

Well Comrades at present it looks like the following men are the next officers for the coming year unless someone runs on stickers.

Dave Hayes has done a swell job as SVC and we know that he will continue the good work through the coming year, as Commander.

Maurice King who has just finished a year as JVC, moves up to the SVC spot and he has a record to beat, as to entertainment that Dave Hayes has presented to the YDVA at the last four meetings.

Harold Nute will be our next treasurer, and I know that all the comrades wish him luck in his new job for the coming year. I know that we all appreciate the fine job that Jimmy Kierstead has done for the past three years, and we hope that he will become active in the YDVA again in the near future.

On the basis of the fine job done this last year by Cliff Mellen, as Chaplain of the YDVA, he was nominated again. We hope that he will continue the good work.

The most important job for this coming year I think, is Membership and that important post falls

to our new JVC. Nelson Laperrierre. There must be at least a thousand WW II YD boys who are not in the fold and it will take a good man to bring them in. Besides, there are a lot of WW I boys who have slipped out of the fold by way of neglect on our part and because of personal feelings.

If there was some way that we could all work together, and forget our differences and work together for the YDVA, we could have one of the best organizations in the State of Massachusetts. I wonder if that day will ever come about.

Our installation is on April 7th, the 1st Thursday of the month in which $1.50 per person will be charged. We hope that all members and their wives or sweethearts will make it a point to attend this gathering.

At present Henry Anderson is in the hospital, and we hope that he will be out and with us soon. Chuck Delaney is now out of the hospital after a pretty close call. Welcome Home, Chuck.

Ken Erickson.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: John Cheeson, Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Martin V. B. Colby
R. F. D. #1, Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Walter E. Moulton
144 Blodgett St., Manchester, N. H.

Manchester Chapter met on Wednesday evening at Manchester Post A. L. No. 79 Home at 8:00 p.m.

Archie Vigneault was nominated as Commander, James "Scotty" Blair was nominated as Senior Vice-Commander.

Other officers nominated were Sheiley Luscomb, Junior Vice-Commander; Henry P. Paris, Secretary; John Blidberg, Treasurer; John J. Madden, Sergeant-at-Arms; Armand Demers, Chaplain; Walter E. Moulton, Historian; Burton W. Knight, Karl Byam and Gene Dugas, Trustees.

A copy drawing of the YD mural to be painted at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences by G.I. students was shown to the members and met with unanimous approval.

This mural depicts the memorial church at Belleau, France a french village in the background and cemetery in the foreground.

When completed it will be on display in a local store window and will be unveiled formally at the annual reunion in April.

Comrade Paris is chairman of the committee in charge of the painting, assisted by Comrades Vigneault and Ralph E. Edmunds.

Plans for the April reunion party were made and Karl Byam was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of this event.

Comrade Stanley Scudder was appointed chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to raise funds for the YD memorial room at the new veteran's hospital which is being erected here.

A donation was voted to the annual American Red Cross drive.

Meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by Comrades Arthur Gilmore, John Blidberg, Joe Donnelley and their helpers.

— Walter E. Moulton.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Franklin Wadsworth, 11 Greenman St., Westerly, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commander Wadsworth at 3:20 P.M.

PDC John Carter reported progress on the new Who's who in YD.

Letter read from Harry Rodd stating the 102nd Machine Gun Battalion is planning to hold a reunion in conjunction with the Convention in Boston, June 24, 1949. He requests that we canvass the members of the YD in our district and send the names and addresses to Stewart Johnston, Room 612, 75 Federal Street, Boston, Mass.

Commander Albert E. Lindgren of New Haven Chapter, read a portion of the minutes of the New Haven Veterans Council meeting, held in New Haven January 31, 1949. Following are some of the statistics.

After W. W. I about 500,000 veterans with services connected disabilities. After W. W. II about 2,000,000 veterans with service connected disabilities. Hospitalized right now around 103,000 veterans from all wars. Waiting for hospitalization around 15,000 veterans. Hospitalized at Northampton, V. A. Hospital (mental) around 1100 veterans, about 40% are Connecticut Veterans. At Rutland Heights, Mass. (T. B.) around 800 veterans hospitalized with about 185 veterans waiting for hospitalization. Hospitalized at Newington on January 10, 1949, 310 veterans. Beds at Newington 352. Number of beds in all V. A. hospitals 103,533.

35,000 veterans are hospitalized for service connected disabilities. 38,000 veterans are suffering from T. B. and mental non service connected. 30,000 general medical and surgical — most of them chronic cases. What is to become of them? What will be the situation 5 or 10 years from now when some of the ailments encountered in W. W. II take their toll in ever increasing numbers?

Veterans in Connecticut State Hospitals.

Mental		T. B. Hospitals	
Conn. State Hospital	105	Hartford	12
Norwich State Hospital	59	Meriden	16
Fairfield State Hospital	258	Norwich	33
		Shelton	14
	258		75

100 of them of W. W. II — 37 of them of W. W. II

With these statistics the government is considering closing 24 veterans hospitals. They claim they cannot open the William Wirt Winchester Hospital in West Haven as it is not fireproof, although the Army and Air Force used it fifteen years. So get busy and write to your Congressmen and Senators and let's get come action for the veterans who need it.

Com. Lindgren made a motion that the Dept. of Conn. Y.D.V.A. go on record as being opposed to a reduction of the V. A. and their facilities. It was so voted.

Com. Albert E. Lindgren moved that a check of $25.00 be sent Phil. Fray so voted.

The drawing for the television set, was drawn by National Commander Ralph Turgeon with Mr. Gene Moracke and Mr. Frank McHugh as judges. The winner was Mr. Anthony Fanelle of the N. Y. Chapter. He held ticket No. 6132.

Previous to the State Meeting the Nominating Committee held a meeting and named the following Officers for the coming year. Commander, M. Patrick Healey; Senior Vice-Commander, Wm. O'Neill, Jr.; Junior Vice-Commander, Ernest F. Hudon, of Bristol and Paul Caravath of Hartford, Treasurer; Sam Marcus, Historian; Joseph Schurk of New Haven; Harold Mitchell, New Haven, Service Officer; John Carter of Hartford, Americanization Officer; Harvey Squires, Waterbury, Judge Advocate; Dwight W. Chapman and Ben Bourne of Hartford as Legislative Officers. This slate will be presented to the Department of Connecticut State Meeting in Hartford in March.

March meeting American Legion Hall, West Hartford, Conn., March 13th, 1949, 3:00 P. M.

— H. Leroy Woodcock, *Sec'y.*

BRISTOL

MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph B. Peters
P. O. Box #242, Plainville, Conn.

Secretary: Will N. Salladin
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Mont Sec Chapter held its February meeting February 11th. We had a Valentine party, was O.K., also saw the Willie Pep fight on the television at the YD Camp, nice and clear, more of the YD boys should go down there once in a while, they all hold free paid-up cards, costs you nothing. Saturday night dances etc., all for free, costs you only what you drink and that at club prices. It's the one spot in Bristol, Plainville, Terryville, Unionville, Collinsville and Avon where YD men gather, and it's owned by YD men.

Com. Peters and I went to State meeting, Meriden last Sunday. Ernest Hudon of Mont Sec is up for Junior Vice State Department. Come on over to Hartford 2nd Sunday in March and put him over. He is running against Paul Caravat my buddy, and a darn good fellow they both were old Co. M. 102nd Inf. men, so was I, may the best man win and they are both good, it's just Bristol vs. Hartford.

Our Seicheprey night at the YD Camp will be our next big blowout April 23rd, 8 p. m., members and wives. Dancing and a supper. The National Commander and wife, National Sergeant-at-Arms and wife, State Commander and wife, State Sergeant-at-Arms and wife have accepted our invitation to be with us, don't forget that night boys and don't forget to send back the card which will be sent you later so we can know how many to feed.

As I have just got out of the hospital, guess I'll ring off now and take a nap.

— Bill Salladin.

HARTFORD

Commander: Harold W. Ellingwood
20 Filley St., Windsor, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

At the 31st Annual Commemorative dinner of Hartford Chapter held February 5th, we had as our guests National Commander Ralph Turgeon, National Sergeant-at-Arms Lewis Fulton and our grand National Secretary H. Guy Watts. There were 125 in attendance and all had a good time.

Hartford Chapter will entertain at the Connecticut Department meeting in March and we have been asked to hold a meeting of the National Executive Committee in April.

At our last regular meeting Honorable Edward Daley, Judge of the Superior Court of Connecticut and a trial judge at the Nuremburg trials in Germany was our speaker. The meetings have been very well attended.

— Carroll Case.

MERIDEN

"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter
Commander: Laurance C. Dewey
15 Platt Ave., Meriden, Conn.

Secretary: Earl Carter
100 Madison Ave. Ext., Meriden, Conn.

Complaints coming in on no news in Yankee Doings. Come down to our meetings and help make some.

We meet the last Friday in the month at V.F.W. Rooms at 8:30 p.m.. You can come after shopping is done.

In February we will nominate for our new officers. In March the election will be held.

We have done the best we could in regard to returning Vets remains by having a few of us at the R. R. station every time, but a lot more could be there without any financial loss.

We are also working hard to help Comrade Dr. Dave Smith put over the Vets Memorial Hospital.

As you already know by now we have lost one of our best members and nicest of friends when Dwight Kirkham died. We can only wish his family sympathy and courage in their recent bereavement.

We close the books for this year with 78 members and cash and bonds of about $200.00.

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We entertained the Department of Connecticut, Sunday, February 13th, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars rooms. Nearly one hundred showed up, more than we expected, so no one got seconds. At this meeting a television set was awarded to Tony Fenelli, a Past Commander of the Chapter in New York City. Many thanks to Clarence Roys for doing a good job on the food detail. Junior Vice-Commander Bill Valery took command in the absence of Commander Dewey who was ill at home with that 48 hour Virus. Walter Knox was ill at the time with the same bug. Both have recovered and not too much the worse from it.

Our next meeting will be in March at a date to be announced later. It will be held this time at the home of Harry Shea in Plantsville. Harry lives on South End Road, next house to the OLD MILL, north. He won a television set and we are picking a fight nite at Madison Square Garden. This will be election of officers and I am rooting for Bill Valery, as Commander.

The installation will be in April, date later. If New Britain and Hartford members read this, please set aside some time as you will be invited to this installation in the form of return engagement of our Smokers last year. Also, this will be stag for a change. A surprise supper is promised.

Sorry to report Myles Berry laid up for several weeks with a fractured ankle.

Nine couples from the Y. D. attended the Co. L Ball at the Armory. The crowd was so large they had to call off the Grand March. That's all for this time as I have to close. I have got to go to a Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary Party only the third one this month, but all my own and Roses'.

— Earl Carter.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shabbott, 118 Bagley St., Central Falls, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

The next meeting of the Department of Rhode Island, YDVA., will be held in conjunction with the meeting of Providence Chapter, YDVA., on Wednesday evening, April 6, 1949. This meeting should be a big affair since it will be the election and installation of the Department Officers and also the installation of Providence Chapter Officers.

National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon and his

National Sgt.-at-Arms L. P. Fulton will be present as our Guests and Ralph will be the installing Officer.

The ladies are invited to this meeting and as usual there will be a nice party after the session has ended along with a good collation. Let's have a big turn out to welcome our distinguished guests. Come on out and welcome your new slate of Officers.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Dept. Secretary.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Wilfred M. Bresette
84 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I.

Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome.

An active campaign to get the members to re-up early has already begun. The Secretary has the Due Bills ready and they will be in the mail shortly. Remember dues are due April 1st. Get it up fella's, and let's have the biggest membership this year in the history of the Chapter. Keep YD Alive.

At a recent session of the Chapter Executive Committee several important projects were discussed and will be recommended to the Chapter for action; among them are proposals to buy another substantial amount of Savings Bonds; sending of the belated contribution to National Headquarters and possibilities for the purchase of a home.

Our March meeting will have come and gone by the time you receive this writeup but let's all get behind the meeting of April 6th. Johnny Mitchell and his Staff of Officers will be installed. A committee consisting of PNC. Larry Cook, Chairman; PDC. Bunny Hunt; PDC. David Davidson and P.C.C.'s Ralph Whitman and Walt Vickery was appointed to provide something special for this important meeting.

How many of you fellows saw the article "YD Lives Again in Young Vets", as told to and written by Warren Carberg in the Sunday Boston Post of February 13, 1949? It is a very interesting article on the YD Club of Boston, it's accomplishments and also gives Guy Watts many a bouquet of flowers for his efforts as Secretary of the YD Club of Boston for over a quarter century. How about publishing it in Yankee Doings sometime?

— Howard W. Hunt.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: George Kenyon
37 West St., West Warwick, R. I.

Secretary: Wm. A. Geddes
Box 457, Warwick Neck, R. I.

Meetings are 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 p.m., School Street, Crompton, R. I.

Now that our meetings are held on Sunday, we expect a larger attendance. Of course, we mean from other chapters, too. Come out all you YD's.

The next meeting will be held on March 20th at 3 p.m. We want all YD men to attend this meeting whether you are a member or not. This meeting is very important. So come all!

If you live in Warwick, get in touch with the Secretary and he will furnish transportation.

Referring to the statement under the heading of "Department of Rhode Island" in February issue, Kent County Chapter wishes to state James Dyson did not want Commander or nothing, he was drafted by Kent County Chapter's nominating committee to present his name. We of Kent County Chapter are not in the middle but on top and that is why some members of the other Chapters cannot take it. Referring to the by-laws committee, Olson or Bergin who were duly elected on the by-laws committee did not know anything about a by-law committee meeting until the chairman gave his report.

Kent County Chapter went on record as collecting all dues, turning them over to the treasurer and the treasurer be instructed not to send them to National Headquarters until after the meeting of the chapter's executive committee.

— Wm. H. Geddes, *Sec.*

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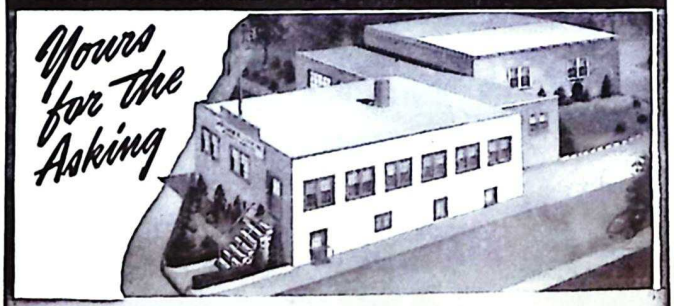

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DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

East: Commander: John W. Farquhar, 75 Woodbine St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Middle West: Commander: Edmund D. O'Connell, 7919 South Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

MID-WEST DEPARTMENT NEWS

The second meeting of the Mid-West Department of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association was held on February 12, 1949, at the 32nd Division (Red Arrow Club) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Matt Connor, WW II, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, opened the meeting at 4 P. M with greetings from the Milwaukee Chapter. I'd like to pause right here and mention that while the meeting was originally scheduled for 2 P. M., it was delayed to the later hour because the body of Matt's brother, who was killed in the Pacific, was being re-buried in Milwaukee at 1 P. M. While the members from the various chapters in attendance were awaiting Matt's return, Jim Lovings, the genial Commander of the Milwaukee Chapter, kept the boys from becoming too dry with some of that amber fluid that made Milwaukee famous. I understand that the Cleveland boys, who made the trip to the breweries in the morning, had beer served to them with their breakfast. Ask Commander Nelson of the Cleveland Chapter. He knows.

Those in attendance were, from Cleveland: Commander Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Baldo, the sergeant-at-arms of the Mid-West Department. From Chicago: Ed O'Connell, Commander of the Mid-West Department; Jack Donovan, Secretary; Gil Nape and Joe Micone. Besides Matt Connor and Jim Lovings, the Milwaukee Chapter had several men whose names I didn't jot down, and cannot think of at the moment. As it was in Cleveland, Detroit and St. Louis delegates were missing. A letter was read from Commander Horvath, excusing Detroit from being in attendance, and I'd like to suggest that, if the members of his chapter are as busy as he says they are in making dough to complete a home, why not try one of those radio programs that gives away a completely furnished house, plus boat, plus trip to South America, etc., and not work so hard.

The first order of business was a motion by Francis Baldo, Cleveland, to submit the name of Edmund D. O'Connell, of Chicago, to the National Headquarters as a candidate for National Commander of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association for the coming year. Motion seconded by Matt Connor, Milwaukee, and unanimously carried. A discussion came up relative to the Cleveland Chapter entertaining the National Convention in their city for 1950. Commander Nelson of Cleveland stated that his chapter had given some thought to the proposal made at the last Mid-West meeting held in Cleveland, and has decided that the time is not ripe to bring the convention outside of New England, and that the chapter does not care to burden itself at the present time. Mr. Baldo, also of Cleveland, voiced the same sentiments as his Commander, and suggested that we wait a year or two before submitting any Mid-Western City to the National Convention. It was the consensus of those present to lay these plans on the table for future action.

A discussion was next entered into relative to membership in chapters outside of New England, especially those chapters in states that have only one chapter. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the secretary be instructed to draw up a resolution, and submit same to the National Convention authorizing and instructing the National Secretary of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association to notify members-at-large that they are to be a part of the chapter in the state in which they reside. Attention was called to the fact that the Cleveland Chapter was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as the Yankee Division Veterans' Association, Inc., of Ohio, and, as a result, they should be the only chapter in Ohio.

Matt Connor spoke on organizing a chapter in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, and was asked to contact the National Secretary for data on the number of eligibles residing there. He stated that the names the National Secretary submits, represent a list of the members who sailed with the division, and a good percentage of those are returned for wrong addresses or some who were killed in action.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the date for paying dues be changed from April 1st to January 1st. In discussing this motion it was pointed out that chapters can set aside any calendar or fiscal date they desire, but that National Headquarters is on a fiscal year basis ending March 31st. It was the consensus of those present that the National date should be changed as dues are requested in April, and, with no meetings during the summer months, it is rather hard to solicit dues in the fall months with a new year coming around shortly.

Motion by Commander Nelson, Cleveland, that the next meeting of the Mid-West Chapters be held in Chicago in April at the time of the visit of the Na-

tional Commander, whenever that will be. Letters read, Lt. Gen. W. S. Paul and National Commander R. Turgeon expressing their regrets in being unable to be present. Also a letter from Denver Chapter on their inability to dig out of the snow to attend. Meeting adjourned to prepare for turkey dinner by the Milwaukee Chapter. It was snowing very hard outside and Cleveland and Chicago Chapter delegates had not seen so much snow as Milwaukee had, and wished for the comforts of their sunny climate.

— Jack Donovan, Secretary,
Department of the Mid-West.

CHICAGO

Commander: Richard Y. Mine
3436 W Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Secretary: Joe Micone
6743 So. Paulina, Chicago 36, Ill.

Just because our Commander, Dick Mine, Jr., was in hibernation for a couple of months is no reason why the rest of the Chicago Chapter members must do the same. Orchids to those present at the February 9th meeting — Mine, Micone, Seaver, Mobeck, Ochaba and Preuss of World War II, and two old men of World War I, Donovan and Nape. By the way, you fellows from WW I really will get old if you content yourself with going home after a days work at the office (notice I didn't say hard days work), put on your slippers and tune in on your television sets. Why not forget you are getting old and join with these younger men and attend meetings. See how young you will feel after a session with these WW II men. They are anxious to keep the name of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association alive and appreciate your help in keeping the association alive until they were eligible to join, but don't let them down now, they need your help to carry on the idea of Keeping the Y. D. Alive.

The bingo game in November was poorly attended. The chairman, Gil Nape, reported a small balance on hand, plus the equipment necessary to run those games. He is anxious to have another one some time in April, so let's all give him a hand. To the one who sells the most tickets to this bingo will go a prize of one round trip ticket to the National Convention in Boston which will be held in June. (This prize is for transportation only.) Give him a hand boys, and he will do some more of his famous card tricks on the trip to Boston.

The chapter made plans to visit Milwaukee during the Mid-West Department's meeting, and several in attendance planned on taking in this meeting. The Treasurer, as usual, was around looking for dues for 1949-1950. He collected some, but you who were not in attendance, please mail or bring to the next meeting which will be held on March 10th at the Civil Service Post club rooms. This may be our last meeting there, as the building is to be torn down to make way for our super bus depot.

The new due cards for 1949-1950 are quite an improvement over the ones for last year. Don't have to use the scissors now to put them in your billfold.

— Ken Seaver.

OHIO

Commander: Harold Nelson
12700 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

Secretary: Francis V. Baldo
1781 Delmont Ave., East Cleveland 12, Ohio

Harold Nelson, Commander, and Francis Baldo, Adj., have just returned from a Mid-West Dept. meeting in Milwaukee where they were really treated royally. Representatives were present from the Chicago, Cleveland, and Milwaukee Chapters. The official resume of this meeting will be reported elsewhere in this issue. It is sufficient to say that the Cleveland Chapter declined an invitation from the Mid-West representatives to bid for the National Convention for 1950; that Cleveland will support the candidacy of Ed. O'Connell of Chicago for the office of National Commander, if he chooses to run, that various resolutions were proposed for the Resolutions Committee at the Convention in 1949. The Ohio Chapter wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Milwaukee Chapter for their splendid demonstration of real YD hospitality. Jim Loving, Matt Connors, Ed Stow, Ed Rosenberg, and Clarence Sailor did a great job and should be commended for their Committee work in having things run very smoothly. The Ladies from Milwaukee, likewise deserve a hand for entertaining the fair sex from out-of-town. The Cleveland Ladies' Auxiliary will be indebted to May Connors and Valerie Loving when next the Mid-West meets in Cleveland.

The Ohio Chapter is happy to welcome to its ranks, the following new members: James Kilbane, Sid Whitaker, and Mike McCarthy of WW I; Al Kaszian, Charlie Wagner, Paul Smith, and E. L. Price of WW II. We want you to feel at home among us and to take an active part in making the YD the kind of an organization that we are all proud to call our own. The best outfit in the world can only give to the extent that it receives. The Ohio

Chapter has a potential membership of almost 300. It deserves the loyal support of everyone who want to perpetuate the memory of one of the best fighting forces to ever weather two great wars.

By the time you read this, the annual free-for-all known as the Election of Officers, will have taken place and become history. This is not to be construed as the swan-song of your truly but rather as a reminder to all that a new administration is going to roll up its sleeves for the coming year. Give them all the support that you can. Democratic processes work from the bottom; not from the top down.

— Francis V. Baldo.

CLEVELAND

(Mid-Western Conference of YD Chapters)

The first meeting of the Mid-Western Conference of YD Chapters was held at this time. Delegates from Chicago and Milwaukee were present. Detroit and St. Louis were not represented. Then came the big Christmas party in which 600 neighborhood kiddies were entertained and received a toy, ice cream, cake and candy. The Chapter also had a party for its members where each one brought in a 50c gift. There were plenty of refreshments both solid and liquid.

It looks like there will be a regeneration of the old war horse — the Paddy Wagon. Right now it is on the shelf but the sentiment is strong to have a new chassis for it and in time for the convention. Our monthly attendance has risen steadily from 25% to 65%. Well, can you blame us? Good eats in a good Dug Out (Club Rooms) plus other advantages brings out the membership. By good eats I mean full dinners, also prepared by the ladies. This is a regular feature of the meetings.

February 12th was the date set for the second meeting of the Mid-Western Conference of YD Chapters. It was held in Milwaukee and Commander Nelson and Secretary Baldo were elected delegates to represent this Chapter. Harry Schnell and family have gone to Los Angeles, California, probably for good. Our best wishes are extended to them. Among the new members received lately were two policemen. (Say, how about that parking ticket, pal?)

— Fred Bastel.

DETROIT

Commander: L. L. Horvath
9055 Dearborn Ave., Detroit (17), Mich.
Secretary: P. J. Werner
7638 12th St., Detroit, Mich.

January 28th the Detroit Chapter of the YDVA got together but no meeting. We hang our heads and shamefully state in public that not enough fellows had pride enough to show up to even make a quorum for a meeting. The gold dust triplets Orlowski, Stepnakowski and Spudowski were the first to come forth with their 1949-1950 dues. Comrade Matthews announces he's going to the Detroit Police School and in the very near future we should have a rookie in our midst. With tears and sighs we heard Comrade Davis tell us of his plans to go back to Vermont. We had in our midst a visitor, George Krupar, late of the U. S. Army Official Photographers. To end this tale we had beaucoup beer we were unable to consume.

Your for a greater YDVA,

— P. J. Werner.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Ayres Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Randell E. Ericson
832 Poplar St., Denver, Colo.

Chapin (Bty. F 101st F. A. WW I), is to have a new addition to his family — a son-in-law. Hull (104th Inf.—Co. G WW II), visited Washington and while there attended the December meeting of the Chapter. He reports it was a very spirited meeting and that he saw several of his former Buddies. Tursick, also a member of Hull's outfit was present at our February meeting. It was good to see Dr. James Morris (B Bty., 103rd F. A. WW I), once more. Sgt. Leask (Co. B 114th Med. Bn.) and Sgt. Jennings, both of whom are now stationed at Fitzsimons Hospital were present. Sgt. Adamietz, also of Fitzsimons had promised to be present, but could not make it. Ellis (Co. K 101st Inf. WW II) and Chandler (102nd Ambulance Co.), both reported good success in selling chances on the "Chev". Ericson (Co. K 101st Inf. WW II), reminds us that dues are due. Vetter (C Bty. 101st. F. A. WW I) and Hull stopped in on their way home for a few minutes with Homer G. Preston (Co. H 102nd. Inf.). The Judge was leaving the next day on a trip to Arizona. We are in receipt of a letter from Pinnt (Co. B 102nd Inf.), Pinnt former orderly for Gen. Edwards now lives at Grand Junction, Colorado. Rayhoeb (Hq. Co. 102nd F. A.), was home sick.

LOS ANGELES

(Southern California Chapter)

Commander: Fred M. Montgomery
6114 Mesa Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Secretary: George K. Mitchell
824 Cresthaven Dr., Los Angeles, Calif.

The attendance at the February meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter, was larger than it has been for several months, due no doubt, to postal card notices sent out stating that the speaker of the evening was to be Professor Roland Hussey of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Comrade Hussey, a member of this Chapter who served with the 103rd Machine Gun Battalion in WW I, gave us another interesting account of his experiences at Washington, D. C. and in the field while serving with the Department of State in the last war. He spoke for nearly an hour and gave the boys some laughs as he told of humorous incidents as well as the serious side of his duties.

The members indicated their liking for this type of meeting so arrangements have been made to bring Detective Lieut. Bill Reid of the Los Angeles Police Department (H Co. 104th Inf. WW I), for a talk at the March meeting on the subject of Narcotics.

At the meeting on March 2nd, we will also receive the report of the nominating committee and elect new officers.

— G. K. M.

NEW YORK

"Knickerbocker Chapter"

Commander: Dr. Joseph K. Surls
130 East End Avenue, New York 28, N. Y.

Treasurer: C. Alfred Kjelleren
20 Edwards Street, Baldwin, New York

We have been featuring one particular outfit of the YD at each of our monthly meetings since last fall, at the suggestions of our secretary Howie Clark, and have found it a great success.

This month, (February), we shall have our installation and dinner on the 19th and the monthly meeting will of course coincide with it. It will feature THE YD — ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL with outfits forgotten for the moment in the bigger, grander organization which the outfits, working together, produced, and will call attention to

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with special emphasis on Universal Military training as the best security at the present time. (The UN is OK but we can't depend on it for security until it has some teeth.)

While the regiments mean much to their members, the YD must mean more. Likewise, while the chapters mean much to their members, the YD Association must mean more. It it doesn't, we shall fall apart; if it does, we shall keep on leading the way.

This is my valedictory and this is why I am writing this chapter note myself. Next month, I shall be a past chapter commander, with a year of pleasant memories under our able National Commanders, Fred Jones and Ralph Turgeon, both of whom have a style all their own.

— Joseph K. Surls.

PHILADELPHIA

"Quaker City Chapter"

Commander: Chas. P. Ross
701 N. Holly Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary: William P. Brown
2816 N. "D" St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Some fellows miss out on a lot of good things by not dropping in at our meetings. Comrade Ed. Johnson of Drexel Hill, Pa., missed the boat. His name was drawn and the amount was $11.25, but he wasn't there to collect it. This means next month somebody else will have a chance to win it and it will be larger than the above amount. In order to collect it you must be present provided your name is drawn. All paid-up members names are in that lucky hat. If it isn't let's get it in by signing up and join the fun. Among those present this month were Com. Ross, Comrades Frazier, Wintner, Roberts, Linthicum, Ley, Brown, Sharck, Gallagher, Teblum and last but not least "Wrong Way Corrigan." He works till 10 p.m. but manages to get to the meetings after work. Some of you fellows should take a lesson from him. So some of you boys who have nothing to do on the 1st Friday of each month stop in and see us. You know the place "Chickie Frazier's Dugout" 3533 No. 11th St., about 8:15 p.m.

We are working on a membership drive for 1949. Each member is to go out and bring in at least one new member. We are striving to reach a goal of 100 for 1949. We are out to get so many that we have to sit on each others lap in the dugout. I'm sure "Chick" won't mind because he likes to see new faces and show them the snaps of him in his funny man suit which he parades in the Phila. Mummers Association

Parade on New Years Day. Comrade Geo. Linthicum received a swell present from the chapter. He won first prize on the raffle we held. It profited us very well in the treasury's point of view.

Preparations are being made for the coming election of officers for the new year of 1949 to 1950. They will be held this month, also we are getting ready for our annual installation dinner. So we'll be looking forward to seeing many old and new faces there. Information about it will be sent out later. When it comes don't forget to put that date on the calendar. Don't make any other arrangements except that of being present at the dinner and support your new officers for the coming year. So let's get your dues in early and save our secretary a few headaches.

— Karl Ley.

Just a running description of events to come, and a crack here and there as it hits my mind.

March 17th party is right on us at the YD Club. Get your tickets at once or you will be out of luck. Tickets are at a premium and here's why . . . 2 bands . . . dancing upstairs and down . . . good eats . . . great talent and floor show . . . all favors . . . FLIT and friends . . . all for a Deuce.

May 30th Memorial services are to be held, and Bill Connors the President is laying plans.

June 23-24-25-26 — the YD Convention will be held in Boston. The 101st will run a banquet on Saturday, June 25th in the YD Hall.

The August Clam Bake will be run by Al Gifford in Plymouth as usual.

Saturday, September 10th the annual 101st Convention will take place at the YD Club of Boston, with the election of Officers and a Banquet to the newly elected Officers of the Regimental Assoc.

November 13th, Memorial Mass. Frank Brennan is working on this affair and we will report later.

December 24th — Christmas party for children of deceased members of the 101st. More on this later.

December 31st. NEW YEARS PARTY . . . YD Club . . . more later.

Here are a few of the workers of B Co., The World War II men are Domenic Panico, George Barr, John Johnson, Jere Doherty, Butch Morrisey, Angelo Mantenuto. The old guys are Mike McNeil, George McDonald, Brendon Mullin, John Kelly and Harry Ginsburg. Enough for now KNOCKO.

E CO. 101st INFANTRY ASSOCIATES WORLD WAR TWO ECHOES

The fifth annual reunion of E Co. 101st Infantry will be held at the Boston Y. D. Club on Friday, April 23rd., 1949 at 8 P. M. There will be a short meeting for election of officers and discussion to arrange for a hospital and flower fund. The rest of the evening will be taken up by social activities. Please make this affair a must on your social calendar.

— Al. McPhee, *President,*
— John Mahoney, *Secretary.*

26th Yankee Division National Convention, Boston, Mass., June 23, 24, 25, 26th 1949.

102nd Machine Gun Battalion Reunion.

Saturday, June 25th, 1949, Hotel Lenox. Boston, Mass., 5:30 P.M.

Plans are underway to hold a reunion of the Bull Dog Battalion Companies, A, B, C, D, and Headquarters, during the Y.D. National Convention.

At the present time we have a roster of about 160 names with no knowledge as to the correctness of the addresses. The original roster of names has been destroyed by fire. In order that our original list may be brought up-to-date, you are urgently requested to contact your company chairman furnishing him with your present address, business address, home telephone, business telephone, and the company to which you were attached in the Battalion.

Do this now. Urge all other members to contact their Company Chairman. If possible get the word

out through your local Y.D. Chapter, American Legion Post, and Veteran of Foreign War Posts, so that we reach as many of our former members as we can.

Our first Bulletin will go out to you on or about March 15th giving you the news and plans. Here are your Company Sub-Committee Chairmen with their addresses:

Chairman Reunion Committee 102nd M. G. Battalion—Harry C. Rodd, 594 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary and Treasurer—Stewart B. Johnston, Room 612, 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

Sub-Committee Chairmen:

Headquarters—Mr. Robert Jennings, 108 Water St., Boston, Mass.

A Company—Mr. Harold Fisher, 133 Laurel Drive, Needham, Mass.

B Company—Mr. Warren Andrews, 94 Belmont St., Wollaston, Mass.

C Company—Mr. John L. MacNeil, 252 Franklin St., Newton, Mass.

D Company—Mr. John C. Dolan, Supt. Concord Reformatory, Concord, Mass.

102nd. Machine Gun Battalion Assoc., Monty McGrath, Pres., Natick, Mass.

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MICHAEL A. SULLIVAN, formerly of Co. 'A', 101st Infantry W. W. I, died at the John Adams Hospital, Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Mass., on Saturday, January 28, 1949. He had been a patient at the Hospital for some time and was also a Spanish War Veteran. Interment was at Holy Cross cemetery, Malden, Mass.

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HARRY H. HALE, formerly with the 26th M.P. Co., W. W. I, died January 26, 1949, at the St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass., after a brief illness. He was a member of the Lowell Chapter and members of the Chapter attended the services.

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In checking our list of Co. E, 104th Infantry W. W. I, we find that there are two more that have passed away, which we have never reported in Doings: They are FRANK T. GODISH of Peru, Maine, and ALFRED T. WOOD formerly of Medford, Mass. No other particulars available.

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THOMAS I. (BUDDY) COUGHLIN, formerly of the Service Co., 101st Inf., W. W. I, was killed in an automobile accident in Medway, Mass., on Wednesday evening, February 23rd, while driving from the Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Mass., to his home in Milford.

He was a Director on the Board of Governors of the YD Club of Boston for two years after his return from overseas. He was the Commander of the Mattapan Post of the V.F.W. at the time of his death. Services were held in Mattapan and the burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

RICHARD E. LYONS, formerly of the Medical Det. 101st Eng., W. W. I, passed away January 23, 1949. He was a former member of the Fitchburg Chapter YDVA. No further details available.

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SAMUEL KAMISKY, formerly of Co. 'G', 103rd Inf., W. W. I, died in February, 1948 in New Britain, Conn., where he has resided for several years. He was originally from Bangor, Maine.

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THURSTON B. WILSON, formerly of 104th Ambulance Co., W. W. I, has been reported as deceased by the Post Office. He was a former member of the Willimantic Chapter. No further details available.

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BERT FORD, who was Correspondent with the Division through World War I died after a long illness at his home in Milton, Mass. He was Editor of the Boston Record-American in Boston for years and was an Honorary Member of the Boston Chapter since 1920.

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Sympathy is extended to General Charles H. Cole for the loss of his wife, who died after a long illness. The funeral was attended by many State and City Officials and representation from every unit of the YD.

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JAMES E. BOSSIDY, formerly of Co. K, 102nd Inf., died July 10, 1948. He was a member of the Wallingford Chapter and lived in that city.

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